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SUBJ: ROSSO FERRY

REF: A. NOUAKCHOTT 631 B. LONDON 06691

1. AWAIT DECISION ON APPROPRIATENESS OF "MAXIFLOAT" FOR
USE AS FERRY AT ROSSO FOR DOOD COMMODITIES.

2. IF JUDGED SUITABLE FOR USE AS A FERRY, RECOMMEND
TRANSPORTATION BY SHIP TO DAKAR/ST LOUIS FOR ASSEMBLY
AND SUBSEQUENT DISPATCH TO ROSSO.

3. ORDER OF PRIORITIES CITED INFLUENCED BY FACT THAT
SOLE REMAINING FERRY IS NOW OPERATIVE, ALBEIT RENUOUSLY.
IF HOWEVER IT WERE TO BREAK DOWN FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME-
AND ITS AGE AND GENERAL DECREPITUDE ARE SUCH THAT THIS
CANNOT BE RULED OUT-MAURITANIAN PRIORITIES WOULD BE
SPEEDILY RE-ORDERED. VESSEL HAS BEEN PLAGUED BY BREAK-
DOWNS, FOR A TIME WAS OPERATING ON ONLY ONE OF ITS TWIN
MOTORS, AND MECHANICAL REPAIRS HAVE INVOLVED CANNIBALIZATION
OF ENGINE FROM BACK-UP FERRY, NOW NO LONGER FUNCTIONING.

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4. POSITION IS SERIOUS, BECAUSE SHOULD PRESENT VESSEL GO TO
THE BOTTOM OR OTHERWISE OUT OF SERVICE, BULK TRANSPORT ACROSS
RIVER OF POL AND OTHER NEEDED SUPPLIES WOULD NO LONGER BE
POSSIBLE.

5. IT IS QUITE CORRECT THAT MAURITANIAN GOVT ATTACHES
GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ACQUISITION OF MORE TRUCKS FOR INLAND
TRANSPORT AS WELL AS UP-GRADING PRESENT RIVER BARGE
CAPABILITY. NEVERTHELESS, RDO CONSIDERS DEPENDABLE
FERRY AT ROSSO RIVER CROSSING CRUCIAL TO SUCCESS OF CONTINUING
RE-SUPPLY EFFORT FROM DAKAR.

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